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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN UK AND KENYAN OFFICIALS ON ARMS PURCHASES

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1. DURING COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON ON EAST AFRICA AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 3, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY HEAD OF EAST AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, EWANS, THAT NJONJO AND MACKENZIE HAD RECENTLY VISITED LONDON ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO DISCUSS ARMS PURCHASES FOR KENYA. NJONJO AND MACKENZIE WERE RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON. NO PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO THE VISIT.

2. BRITISH ARE ANXIOUS TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP KENYANS WITH ARMS. THEY ARE PLANNING TO SEND MAJOR GENERAL R.S.N. MANS, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OFFICE, PLUS AN AIR COMMODORE FROM THE RAF, TO KENYA AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL THREAT AND DECIDE WHAT ADDITIONAL ARMAMENTS KENYANS MIGHT NEED TO COUNTER IT. EWANS COMMENTED THAT MANS' TRIP IS NOT FOR PURPOSE OF SELLING ARMS, BUT THAT BRITISH INTEREST IN AIDING

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KENYANS IS TO PROTECT BRITISH ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN KEN-

YA AND ALSO AS PART OF THEIR GENERAL EFFORT TO DO WHAT-
EVER THEY CAN TO PROTECT ASIANS IN KENYA FOR WHOM HMG
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